



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5889**

LCO No. 2087

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
REP. SAYERS, 60<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF STATE-  
PURCHASED HEALTH CARE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to require that on or before  
2 September 1, 2009, the Department of Social Services, in consultation  
3 with the Department of Public Health, shall develop a five-year plan  
4 for changing the reimbursement methodology used for state-  
5 purchased health care to reward quality health outcomes as opposed  
6 to simply paying for services provided. Such plan shall minimally  
7 require the use of evidence-based standards of care where available,  
8 link provider rate increases with measurable improvements in access  
9 to quality care, better support primary care through use of a medical  
10 home, and address disparities in payment rates for primary care  
11 services and specialty services. Such plan shall be submitted to the  
12 Governor and the General Assembly upon completion.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Social Services to develop a plan for  
improving the quality of state-purchased health care while reducing  
overall costs.